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I. States parties to the Convention and its Optional Protocol

1. As at 11 April 2014, the closing date of the eleventh session, there were 144 States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and 80 States parties to its Optional Protocol. The lists of States parties to these instruments are available on the website of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

II. Opening of the eleventh session of the Committee

2. The eleventh session opened in a public meeting with welcoming remarks by the Chairperson of the Committee. The opening statement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) was delivered by the Deputy High Commissioner, and is available on the Committee's website.

3. The Committee reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda and tentative programme of work for the eleventh session (CRPD/C/11/1).

III. Membership of the Committee

4. The list of members of the Committee as at 11 April 2014, indicating the duration of their terms of office, is available on the Committee's website.

IV. Working methods

5. The Committee discussed various issues related to its working methods and adopted several decisions, which are listed in annex I to the present report.

V. Adoption of general comments

6. The first reading of the draft general comment on the right to equal recognition before the law (art. 12) took place on 8 April 2014 during the 136th and 137th meetings of the Committee. General comment No. 1 on equal recognition before the law was adopted by consensus.

7. The first reading of the draft general comment on accessibility (art. 9) took place on 9 April 2014 during the 138th and 139th meetings of the Committee. General comment No. 2 on accessibility was adopted by consensus.

8. The working group on women and girls with disabilities (art. 6), introduced a general outline of the draft general comment, which was endorsed by the Committee.

VI. Activities related to the Optional Protocol

9. The Committee adopted its Views on communication No. 2/2010, *Gröninger* v. *Germany* (CRPD/C/11/D/2/2010), submitted by Ms. Gröninger on behalf of her son, who was born with "spasticity". The author raised the application of the existing scheme for the provision of an "integration subsidy" which employment agencies had discretion to grant to an employer who hired a person with disabilities. The Committee noted that the intention behind the integration subsidies scheme was to encourage employers to hire persons with disabilities but that, in practice, the scheme required employers to go through an additional

application process, the duration and outcome of which were uncertain. The Committee observed that the disabled person had no opportunity to take part in the process and that, in the case of the author's son, the scheme appeared to have served as a deterrent, rather than as an encouragement, for employers. The Committee concluded that the existing model for the provision of integration subsidies did not effectively promote the employment of persons with disabilities and might result in indirect discrimination, in violation of the State party's obligations under article 27, paragraph 1 (h), on work and employment, read together with article 3, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e), on general principles, article 4, paragraph 1 (a), on the obligation to adopt all appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures for the implementation of the rights recognized in the Covenant, and article 5, paragraph 1, on equality and non-discrimination. The Committee recommended that the State party: (i) reassess the author's son's case and apply all measures available to effectively promote employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; (ii) provide adequate compensation to the author's son, including for the costs incurred in filing the communication; (iii) take steps to prevent similar violations in the future, including by reviewing the content and functioning of the scheme for the provision of integration subsidies for persons with a disability.

10. The Committee adopted its Views on communication No. 8/2012, *X* v. *Argentina* (CRPD/C/11/D/8/2012), which relates to the right to access to adequate detention conditions and adequate and timely medical care and rehabilitation for a person with a disability who is in detention. The Committee considered that the State party had failed to show that the measures it had taken to remove the barriers that impeded access to the author's physical environment in the prison were sufficient to ensure his access to a bathroom and shower with adapted features and a recreational courtyard and nursing service as autonomously as possible, in breach of articles 9 (accessibility) and 14 (liberty and security of the person). The Committee also considered that, in view of the lack of accessibility and of adequate reasonable accommodation, the author had been placed in precarious detention conditions, in breach of article 17, on physical and mental integrity. The Committee nevertheless considered that it did not have sufficient evidence to conclude that the author's rights to health care and rehabilitation had been violated; that travel to and from the rehabilitation centre posed a risk to his life (arts. 10, 25 and 26), nor that there had been a violation of article 15 of the Convention, on freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The Committee recommended that the State party (i) prevent similar violations, including though sufficient and reasonable adjustments to ensure that persons with disabilities could access prison facilities and health care, and (ii) ensure that a lack of accessibility did not cause physical or psychological suffering that might amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

11. The Committee adopted the Note by the Secretary General on submissions received between the 10th and 11th sessions, a period during which the Committee had received 27 communications, bringing to a total of 336 the submissions received since its creation. The Committee had registered 19 communications, of which 6 had been examined.

12. The Committee adopted its interim follow-up report with regard to the views adopted in *H.M.* v. *Sweden* (CRPD/C/7/D/3/2011), and *Nyusti and Takács* v. *Hungary* (CRPD/C/9/D/1/2010), and considered that additional measures remained necessary to implement the views. The follow-up dialogue was ongoing.

VII. Other decisions

13. The Committee adopted the reports of its tenth and eleventh sessions (CRPD/C/10/2 and CRPD/C/11/2).

VIII. Future sessions

14. The twelfth session of the Committee is scheduled to take place from 15 September to 3 October 2014 and will be followed by the second meeting of the pre-sessional working group, from 7 to 11 October 2014.

IX. Accessibility of the Committee's meetings

15. Captioning was provided at all public and private meetings, while International Sign Language interpretation was provided during all public meetings, in addition to Spanish/Costa Rican sign language during the dialogue with Costa Rica.

X. Cooperation with relevant bodies

A. Cooperation with United Nations organs and specialized agencies

16. The Committee met with experts of the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture who shared experiences and practices in interacting with national prevention mechanisms. The Committee valued that exchange, which would allow the Committee to further develop its interaction with independent national monitoring mechanisms.

17. The Committee met with the Interagency Support Group for the Convention (IASG), to discuss ways of further promoting the interaction between IASG and the Committee and the mainstreaming of the human rights approach to disability on the post-2015 development agenda.

B. Cooperation with non-governmental organizations and other bodies

18. The Committee was addressed by representatives of the International Disability Alliance, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, Disability Council International, World Federation of the Deaf, Mind Rights and European Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, the Association of Relatives of Psychically Disabled Persons of Sweden (ILG), and Human Rights Watch.

19. The Committee met with a representative of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC) to discuss the engagement of national human rights institutions in the work of the Committee.

XI. Consideration of reports submitted in accordance with article 35 of the Convention

20. The Committee considered the initial reports of Sweden (CRPD/C/SWE/1), Azerbaijan (CRPD/C/AZE/1), and Costa Rica (CRPD/C/CRI/1). The Committee adopted concluding observations on the reports at its 141st meeting (see the Committee's website at http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx).

21. The Committee adopted a list of issues on the initial report of Mexico (CRPD/C/MEX/1).

XII. Conference of States parties to the Convention

22. The Committee decided that it would be represented by the Chairperson and the rapporteur of the Committee at the seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention.

Annexes

Annex I

Decisions adopted by the Committee during its eleventh session

1. The Committee welcomed the resolution on the treaty body strengthening process adopted by the General Assembly on 9 April 2014, and, particularly, paragraph 29 of that resolution, by which the General Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to ensure the progressive implementation of relevant accessibility standards and provide reasonable accommodation for treaty body experts with disabilities in order to ensure their full and effective participation.

2. The Committee decided on the dates of its upcoming sessions and pre-sessional working groups meetings: 12th session (15 September–3 October 2014); the 2nd Pre-Sessional Working Group, 7–10 October 2014; 13th session (13–24 April 2015), 3rd Pre-Sessional Working Group (27 to 30 April 2015); 14th session (14 September–2 October 2015), and 4th Pre-Sessional Working Group (5–9 October 2015). These dates are subject to change further to the implementation of the resolution on treaty body strengthening.

3. The Committee confirmed the appointment of the following country rapporteurs: Theresia Degener (Croatia), Damjan Tatic (Czech Republic), Stig Langvad (United Kingdom) László Gábor Lovaszy (Turkmenistan) and appointed the following country rapporteurs: Silvia Judith Quan-Chang (Dominican Republic), Hyung Shik Kim (Mongolia), Diane Mulligan (Cook Islands), Martin Babu Mwesigwa (Kenya), Ms. Degener (Brazil) and Safak Pavey (Mauritius).

4. The Committee decided that it would review at its 12th session the initial reports of New Zealand (CRPD/C/NZL/1), México (CRPD/C/MEX/1), Republic of Korea (CRPD/C/KOR/1), Belgium (CRPD/C/BEL/1), Denmark (CRPD/C/DNK/1), and Ecuador (CRPD/C/ECU/1), and would adopt lists of issues on the initial reports of Croatia (CRPD/C/HRV/1), the Czech Republic (CRPD/C/CZE/1) and Turkmenistan (CRPD/C/TKM/1); also decided that its 2nd Pre-Sessional Working Group would adopt lists of issues on the initial reports of the United Kingdom (CRPD/C/GBR/1), and the Dominican Republic (CRPD/C/DOM/1).

5. The Committee adopted general comment No. 1 on equal recognition before the law and general comment No. 2 on accessibility; requesting the secretariat to ensure broad dissemination of both general comments, and to establish an online database on ideas for implementing supported decision-making models under article 12 of the Convention.

6. The Committee adopted the outline for the general comment on women and girls with disabilities, and decided to organize a side event on that topic during the seventh session of the Conference of States Parties. It also decided to appoint Ms. Degener as co-chair of the working group on women and girls with disabilities.

7. The Committee adopted guidelines on the participation of disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations in its work.

8. The Committee amended its rules of procedure.

9. The Committee considered its activities under the inquiry procedure.

10. The Committee decided to hold a day of general discussion on article 19 of the Convention, and another on article 24, during its 13th session.

11. The Committee decided to initiate the preparation of two general comments, one on article 19 of the Convention, and another on article 24.

12. The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a note on the current situation regarding accessibility to the Committee's meetings, interpretation, documentation and travel of experts and requested the Chair to follow up on the key issues identified therein, and to report back to the Committee during its 12th session. It also requested the secretariat to prepare the note in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities.

13. The Committee requested conference services, and particularly the Documents Management Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva, to further ensure that the Committee's sessions and pre-sessional working group meetings were properly served; and, in particular, requested the Section to revisit its decision on limits imposed on the Committee's post-sessional documentation of its pre-sessional working groups meetings, to enable the Committee to make efficient use of the additional meeting time authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/160.

14. The Committee requested the working group on travel and reasonable accommodation – with the support of the working group on access to air transportation – to prepare a note on proposals about the provision by the United Nations of reasonable accommodation for experts with disabilities.

15. The Committee welcomed the meeting with the Interagency Support Group to the Convention and requested OHCHR, as co-chair of IASG, to prepare a note on the main conclusions of that meeting and the way forward.

16. The Committee requested the secretariat to follow up on the meeting that the Committee had had with experts of the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture.

17. The Committee requested the secretariat to follow up on the meeting the Committee had had with the representative of ICC. In that regard, the Committee also requested the secretariat to post a note on the Committee's website calling upon national human rights institutions and independent national monitoring mechanisms to express their views and opinions in order to further their interaction with the Committee.

18. The Committee decided to follow up on the meeting with the Human Rights Committee about the draft general comment on article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and entrusted experts of the Committee with preparing a note on the position of the Committee on the subject.

19. The Committee decided that it would be represented at the seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention by its Chair and by its rapporteur.

Annex II

Guidelines on the participation of disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations in the work of the Committee

I. Introduction

1. The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (hereinafter the Committee) attaches great value to the participation of disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations in the various procedures it undertakes, in conformity with rules Nos. 30 and 52 of its rules of procedure, and paragraphs 41–53 of its methods of work.

2. In addition to the fundamental principles on which the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (hereinafter the Convention) is based, the Committee embraces democracy and transparency, in conformity with article 4.3 of the Convention, attaching particular value to the efforts to contribute to the Committee's work by organizations representing persons with disabilities, including organizations representing women and children with disabilities.

3. The Committee understands disabled persons' organizations as those comprising a majority of persons with disabilities – at least half their membership – and governed, led and directed by persons with disabilities.

4. The Committee adopts the following guidelines to assist disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations in ensuring timely and appropriate contributions.

II. Participation in the reporting procedure for the review of State party reports

Written submissions

5. The Committee welcomes all written submissions with country-specific information relevant to the review of State party reports, in accordance with article 35 of the Convention. To ensure that the Committee receives such submissions at an appropriate stage of the procedure, they should be made at one or more of the following times:

(a) Before or after the State party submits its report;

(b) Before the adoption of the list of issues;

(c) After the State party has submitted its replies to the list of issues and before the constructive dialogue;

(d) Before the Committee adopts the list of issues in accordance with its simplified reporting procedure.

Timeline

6. The Committee invites disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations to make timely written submissions, to ensure that they can be fully taken into account by the Committee experts, as follows:

(a) As early as possible and up to three weeks before the opening of a session;

(b) Submissions will be accepted up to one day before a session; however, owing to time restraints, it is not guaranteed that such submissions will be considered by the members of the Committee;

(c) In the case of the adoption of lists of issues, in accordance with the simplified reporting procedure, submissions may be received by the secretariat up to four months prior to the beginning of the session at which the list of issues will be adopted.

Disclaimer

7. Submissions are the sole responsibility of the submitting organizations and in no way will their reception by the Committee signify its endorsement thereof or its adoption of any position regarding their contents.

Publicity on the Committee's website

8. Submissions will be posted automatically, unless the submitting organization clearly requests confidentiality.

Length

9. The Committee recommends that documents be focused and concise, suggesting that their length be limited as follows:

(a) A maximum of 10,700 words for alternative reports to the State Party reports;

(b) A maximum of 5,350 words for other submissions.

Structure

10. The Committee strongly recommends that written submissions take the following form:

(a) Identification of the submitting organization, brief description of its activities at international and/or national level, mission/vision statement and the role played by persons with disabilities in the organization, and the level of inclusiveness and participation of persons with disabilities in the drafting of the submission;

(b) Executive summary, no longer than one page;

(c) Make reference to specific articles of the Convention addressed in the submission;

(d) Propose recommendations.

11. Please note that requirements (a) and (b) are not taken into account for the purposes of the length limits recommended in paragraph 9 of the present guidelines.

Format and languages

12. Written submissions should be provided in accessible digital or electronic formats, for example Microsoft Word or Rich Text Format; hard copies are not necessary since the Committee has fully adopted the United Nations greening policy.

13. Submissions should be written in one of the Committee's working languages. The Committee encourages the submission of executive summaries in English. Please note that Conference Services does not translate documents submitted by organizations.

Briefings

Applications

14. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations applying for a briefing meeting shall submit a request up to four weeks before the session, indicating:

(a) The name of the organization: coalitions are encouraged to give a brief description of their component organizations, and, in particular, their mission/vision statement and the role played by persons with disabilities in the organization;

(b) The title of the briefing event;

(c) A brief description of the topics to be addressed during the country-specific briefing;

(d) The preferred date and time for the briefing event; the only possible times available for briefings are from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and from 13:45 to 14:45 p.m. during sessional weeks; and prior to the adoption of list of issues during the pre-sessional working group;

(e) Name and function of the speaker(s).

Remote presentations

15. Oral presentations may be given remotely, via video conference. Owing to United Nations financial constraints, organizations must indicate the mode of presentation four weeks prior to the date of the briefing, and the necessary telecommunication technology that they will be providing.

Accessibility

16. Applicant organizations shall indicate whether they will provide translations, captioning, sign language interpretation, Braille documentation, easy-to-read text and/or other accessibility tools.

Statements

17. Speakers are requested to submit statements of their contributions to the secretariat up to one day prior to the briefing event.

Overlapping meetings

18. The Committee's secretariat will allocate time slots after consultation with the Chair of the Committee. Since democracy is a basic principle of the Committee, time will be equally distributed among all applicant organizations. Priority will be given to those applicant organizations that have also submitted written information. The order of statements will be: country-based disabled persons' organizations, national coalitions, international disabled persons' organizations and other civil society organizations.

Venue of briefings

19. All briefings shall take place in the conference room where the Committee holds its sessions.

III. Thematic briefings

20. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations may request briefing time for particular themes to which they may wish to draw the Committee's attention.

IV. Participation in the drafting of general comments and days of general discussion

General comments

21. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations are welcome to submit written submissions to the Committee, with information that will contribute to the interpretation of the matter in question.

22. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations are welcome to be present as observers during the session of the Committee at which the draft general comment will be read or adopted.

Days of general discussion

23. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations are welcome to make submissions with information that will contribute to the analysis of the theme of the day of general discussion.

24. Oral presentations: Speakers representing disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations may request, up to two days prior to the day of general discussion, speaking time for oral presentations. Their application shall include: the name of the organization they represent, the mission/vision statement and the role played by persons with disabilities in the organization; name and function of the speaker. Speakers are requested to submit their statements in advance.

V. Contributions to the procedures concerning communications

25. The Committee welcomes contributions from disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations to the communications procedures. Contributions may take the following forms:

(a) An advisory role, including guidance for alleged victims and/or potential authors of communications, on the contents of the Optional Protocol and the criteria that must be met, in particular on the exhaustion of domestic remedies, in order for a communication to be admissible.

(b) Representation of the alleged victim(s) and submission of communications on their behalf, if the latter so decide(s).

(c) Third-party interventions, pursuant to rule 72.3 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

(d) Co-operation in the dissemination of the Committee's case law, and follow-up in the form of evidence-based reports on the implementation of the Committee's views and recommendations.

VI. Inquiries

Submissions

26. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations may make submissions to the Committee, with information to be considered under article 6.1 of the Optional Protocol, requesting an inquiry. Submissions should include:

(a) A description of the submitting organization, and in the case of organizations of persons with disabilities, their mission/vision statement and the role played by persons with disabilities in the organization.

(b) Substantiation of grave and systematic violations of the rights set forth in the Convention by a State party to the Optional Protocol.

(c) Credible and reliable information on which the submission is grounded.

(d) Recommendations to the Committee.

Other relevant sources

27. Disabled persons' organizations, other civil society organizations or the requesting entity may suggest other sources for additional information regarding the matter of inquiry that may contribute to the procedure, such as universities, human rights institutions, and other local organizations such as women's and/or children's rights organizations, in conformity with rule 83, paragraph 3, of the Committee's rules of procedure.

Collaboration during visit and follow-up

28. If the Committee conducts a visit, disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations are encouraged to collaborate with the proceedings.

29. The Committee may invite disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations other than the inquiry requesting organization to provide relevant information and collaborate with the Committee during a visit within the framework of the inquiry procedure, respecting the confidentiality thereof.

30. Pursuant to rule 90, paragraph 1, of the Committee's rules of procedure, disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations are encouraged to provide follow-up information to the Committee.

VII. Capacity-building activities pursuant to article 37 of the Convention

31. Pursuant to article 37 of the Convention, the Committee may cooperate with the States parties by undertaking activities to contribute to a better understanding of the provisions of the Convention and to accelerate their implementation. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations may draw the Committee's attention to specific areas regarding which a State party may require such support from the Committee.

VIII. Early warning and urgent action procedures

32. Disabled persons' organizations and civil society organizations may request the activation of these procedures in accordance with paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Committee's working methods.

IX. Guarantees and protection for human rights defenders participating in the work of the Committee

33. The Committee, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, strongly condemns all acts of intimidation and reprisals towards individuals and organizations for their contribution to the work of the Committee. The Committee will appoint, from among its members, a focal point on reprisals, who will follow up and provide advice on situations involving such cases.

Annex III

Outline document for the preparation of a general comment on article 6 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The full text is available on the Committee's website.

1. Introduction to the general comment

(1) General introduction to the right to equality in other human rights treaties and "soft law" (Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and the Committee's general comments No. 5 (1981) on derogations and No. 20 (1992) on the prohibition of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); conceptual development of the right to equality in international human rights law from formal equality to substantive equality; the role of reasonable accommodation in this process; the emergence of the concept of intersectional discrimination.

(2) Brief overview of disabled women and girls as a subject of United Nations law and policy: from the Third World Conference on Women, held in Nairobi in 1985, to the World Conference on Women in Beijing (1995) and beyond; women and girls with disabilities in various United Nations organizations resource materials and tools – including guidelines, reference tools and other materials and general comments by other treaty bodies.

(3) Most common gaps in implementation of article 6 of the Convention, as identified by the Committee in its dialogues with States parties under the reporting procedure.

(4) Information on the main areas in which women and girls with disabilities are subject to discrimination, with reference to the specific articles of the Convention concerned and testimonies given at the half day of general discussion on women and girls with disabilities.

2. Normative content of article 6

(1) The legal nature of article 6, bearing in mind its horizontal nature, the fact that it complements general obligations and the fact that it is grounded in certain principles set out in the Convention, setting out how consistently gender has been addressed in human rights treaties; a gender-sensitive definition of disability-based discrimination (arts. 5 and 6); a definition of multiple discrimination and reference to the preamble and all other provisions in the Convention where gender is mentioned.

(2) A detailed interpretation of article 6, paragraph 1, using the definition "multiple discrimination" as opposed to "one-dimensional discrimination" as a starting point and highlighting "intersectional discrimination", with the aim of identifying the main intersectional areas involved in discrimination faced by women and girls with disabilities and ways to detect these forms of exponential discrimination and how they link to statistical data and concrete research projects.

(3) Detailed interpretation of article 6, paragraph 2, defining the concepts of "development", "advancement" and "empowerment", interpreting the concept of

"appropriate measures" in relation to "temporary special measures" and "positive action measures".

3. States parties' obligations

(1) Duty to respect, protect and fulfil the rights under article 6 and to differentiate between non-discrimination duties and empowerment duties.

(2) Legislation that protects the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by women and girls with disabilities.

(3) Duties of States parties with regard to article 4, paragraph 1 (a), to adopt or amend anti-discrimination laws in relation to multidimensional discrimination; amend national action plans for women, etc.

(4) Duties of States parties with regard to article 4, paragraph 1 (b), to review laws with respect to the right to marry, sterilization, rape and other forms of sexual violence, to review family policy if it discriminates against women with disabilities, etc.

(5) Duties of States parties with regard to article 4, paragraph 1 (c), on disability and gender mainstreaming.

(6) To take measures in the field of international co-operation to secure the full realization of social, economic and cultural rights by women and girls with disabilities.

(7) Engagement of women and girls with disabilities, through their representative organizations, in drawing up and implementing legislation and policies for the effective implementation of the Convention, and in other decision-making processes on issues related to women and girls with disabilities; provide support by means of networks and organizations of women with disabilities.

4. Interrelation between the provisions addressing women and girls with disabilities and other provisions of the Convention

(1) Articles with specific references to gender: Preamble, paragraphs (p), (q) and (s), articles 3, 4, 6, 8, 16, 23, 25 and 28.

(2) Other articles of relevance to women and girls with disabilities: articles 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31 and 32.

5. Implementation at national level, including information on the main gaps to be addressed

(1) Data and statistics gathering.

(2) The gender perspective in independent national monitoring mechanisms.